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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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**Dear Colleagues:**

**Re: Public hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider a total allowable harvest for Nunavut harvesters of the Bluenose East caribou herd**

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled an in-person public hearing to consider harvest management of the Bluenose East caribou herd. The Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment has submitted a *Proposal for Decision* (Proposal) to establish a total allowable harvest for the Bluenose East caribou herd.

## Background

The Bluenose East caribou herd was estimated to be approximately 104,000 in 2000, but had declined to 68,000 by 2013. The results of the Department of Environment's June 2015 aerial survey provided a total population estimate of 38,592 caribou, suggesting a continued decline at an estimated rate of 21% per year when compared with the 2013 population estimate. The herd crosses the Nunavut-Northwest Territories border and is also harvested by several groups in the Northwest Territories. In light of the declining herd size, the Government of Nunavut - Department of Environment submitted the Proposal to

recommend a bulls-only total allowable harvest of 340 caribou for the Bluenose East caribou herd.

### **In-person public hearing details**

The hearing will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, at a location to be determined. The hearing will be conducted on each day from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In addition, the NWMB may hold evening sessions from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment's Proposal and the Rules for the NWMB hearing. These, along with a number of documents comprising the best available information to date, are available for download from the NWMB's website ([www.nwmb.com](http://www.nwmb.com)) or by contacting the NWMB at the following coordinates:

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**Through this letter, the NWMB is providing notice to your department or organization that the Board is currently accepting written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment's Proposal, or otherwise concerning the harvest management of the Bluenose East caribou herd. Written submissions and supporting documentation must be filed with the NWMB, in Inuktitut/Innuinaqtun and English, by no later than 5:00 PM EDT on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The requirement for translation at time of filing is mandatory.**

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions will be placed on the NWMB's website and will be available for download shortly after the submission deadline.

**Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the Board will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.**

Initial submissions and their supporting documentation may be filed in person by courier or mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Public Hearing for Bluenose East Caribou*. Delivery of the materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB, prior to the filing deadline, that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed

on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB. Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable, and persuasive submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process.

**Due to logistical constraints, the NWMB cannot extend party status to all Bluenose East caribou user groups from the Northwest Territories. If your department or organization wishes to request party status, the Board will consider written and translated requests, submitted by the May 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, which should include a persuasive explanation of why party status should be granted.**

If you require any further information, please visit the NWMB website or contact the Board directly.

Sincerely,



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A/Chairperson of the  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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